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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and 31-33 are pending in the application, with claims 10-30, 34, 35 and 37-39 being drawn to a restricted Group and now canceled without prejudice to Applicant pursuing these claims in a further application. Reconsideration and a withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections are hereby respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant further responds to the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2010. The Advisory Action indicated that claims 1-9, 32 and 33 are allowed, but should also have included claim 31. Applicant also notes the Notice issued with the Advisory Action because claim 36 was indicated as amended and canceled. The present amendment cancels claim 36. Accordingly, all claims pending in the case are indicated to be allowable.

In the event that the amendment does not place the claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss any remaining matters.

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the outstanding objections and rejections.

Claim objections made to claim 1 is now remedied. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions in the Office Action. Accordingly, the dependent

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claims 2-9 and 31-32, also objected to, are now believed to overcome the objection based on the amendment made to claim 1. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 33 has been amended to overcome the section 112 rejection in accordance with the comments of the Examiner appearing in pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

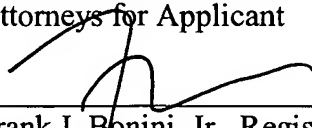
Accordingly, for the above reasons, reconsideration and a withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections are hereby respectfully requested.

Early action on the case and examination of the pending claims is hereby earnestly solicited.

In the event that an extension of time, or further extension of time, is necessary, in order for this response to be timely filed, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the necessary extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, which may be required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

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